
FRIDAY FOLLIES

November 14, 2003

Hey!

Happy November!

I adore this month! The sheer anticipation of the holidays ahead, the cooler weather, the football rivalries, the trees showing off, friends, family, the decorations, the music, the food . . . EVERYTHING! I am also hoping to get home to Mississippi for the actual Turkey Day festivities.

We had a very dear friend visit last week from Ohio. Some of the guys met after work, and I was so pleased when they called and asked me to join them. We had a great time. This photo is not that great, but I am including it because it is one of the first ones I have taken with my new digital camera. This one was taken almost completely in the dark. There are a few tricks I need to learn, but not too bad.

I have also been without email and a computer at home for the past couple of weeks. I bought a new 17-inch iMac, which is unbelievable. I absolutely love it, but the OX10 system is taking a bit of getting used to. I use the same thing at work, but I have never had to "set up" a computer from scratch before; therefore, no Follies for the last two weeks. It is worth it, though. I have already learned so much and I am planning to take a couple of workshops on Indesign, so I can do even more with it. I hope one of



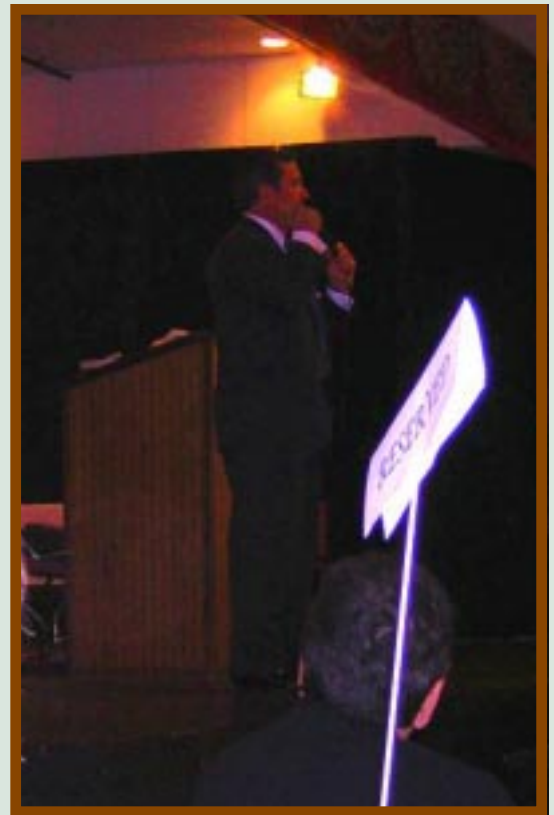
these days to have a bit of spare time so I can start finalizing these 12 volumes of cook-books. (I am serious! I want to finally get them published.)



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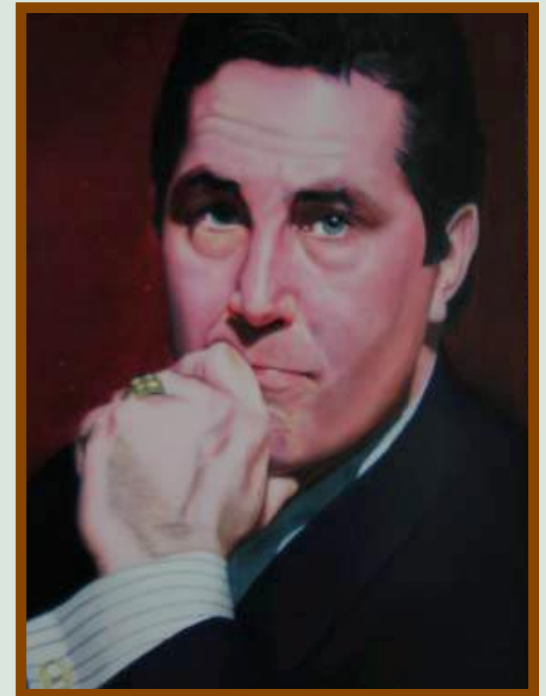
J.P. delivered a great speech this week. The mayor spoke first and then he was the keynote speaker at a Commission for the Aging conference. It was a great event, very well attended, and he did a super job. He is getting better at it all of the time. Once finished, the cameraman came up and told him that he used to work for Tony Robbins and he thought JP was just as good. (I could have told him that!)

Since I last wrote, we went to a “killer” Halloween party. I took one quick shot as we were going in, but once in, had such a good time, I forgot all about taking any others. The party took place in a friend's basement which is decorated like a Hard Rock Café – complete with autographed guitars and even Eddie Garcia's motorcycle. Anyway, The best costumes there were these three couples that all dressed like characters from the Wizard of Oz. They all, individually made their costumes, and honestly, they beat anything I have ever seen in a store! They were all doctors, too. I don't have a clue how they found the time to make them. They said it only took three weeks to come up with the idea, decide who was what, design, and then make them. They had Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Lion, the Tin Man (He was AWESOME!), the Wicked Witch of the West, and Glenda. My other favorites were Rhett Butler and Scarlet and, of course, Sonny and Cher. (We are NEVER that clever.)



These are just silly shots we took on Halloween with my new digital camera. They turned out OK...don't you think?

The one on the far right is actually an oil portrait of JP that I snapped with my new digital. Pretty cool, huh?



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Well, it is prime time football season. Almost time for all of the rivals to play. I though I would send you the usual "football photo album." (Again, please remember this is meant as a "GOOF.")

I'll tell you another "GOOF." JP is going to play in the annual "Charity Bowl" again this Thanksgiving Day. This is a man who is often down in his back with a crushed vertebra from an old high school football injury left untreated . . .but he is going to play come HELL OR HIGH WATER! The Charity Bowl is when all of the "former athletes" from the area come together to play on Thanksgiving Day. All of the proceeds go to local charities, AND, they play FOR REAL! Most of them are in their 20's and 30's. JP is NOT in his 20's or 30's!

I think he has lost his mid-life mind! One too many tackles, if you ask me! He actually was with a professional USFL team, the Washington Federals, in the early 80's. (Remember them?) But that was a long time ago, and he is not in the same shape.

He woke up this week, though, and announced he is "in training." That means that he will go on the "No-carb Diet" and loose twenty pounds in the blink of an eye while I do the same and struggle to loose two!

He will get up when I leave to go to work every morning and go jogging and workout on the little gym at home. (Meanwhile, I will be stressing, drinking coffee, and putting out fires in my office. Ha!)

So while you are all sitting around enjoying your food preparation and watching parades and getting ready for football games to start - think about me. I will be on the sidelines, waiting by the ambulance, watching JP play TACKLE FOOTBALL!

Oh, man. It is going to be UGLY! But I will be glad to finally be DONE with it. For the past two month he has been like a little kid. Every time I turn around at home . . . in the kitchen, in the bedroom, in the bathroom putting on my make up . . . he is there, snarling, hunched over in a three point stance, aiming to tackle me. WHAT A NUT!



JP and Robert at last year's game.



The Washington Redskin



George Allen



Maureen



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Bruce Smith



Cheering



Tailgating at the Ole Miss vs Mississippi State Game with my brother.



The FearsomeFoursome of the LA Rams!



William Fuller



Pete Johnson!



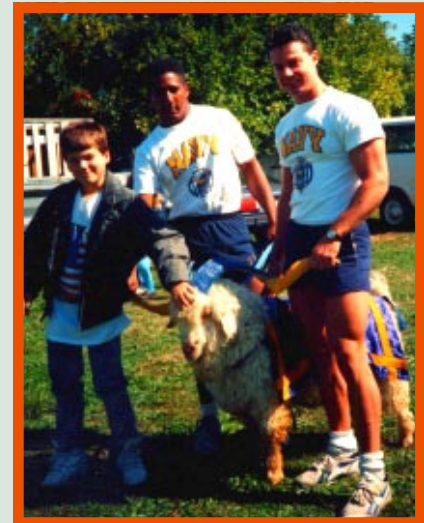
Gayle Sayers

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Judith Greenhaw
Homecoming Queen 1970

Jessica Jones
Homecoming Queen 2000



My son (years ago) with the Naval Academy's Mascot, Billy!



I don't remember who these guys are, but they play for the Bengals



Tailgating at Navy with an old friend



Joe Jacoby

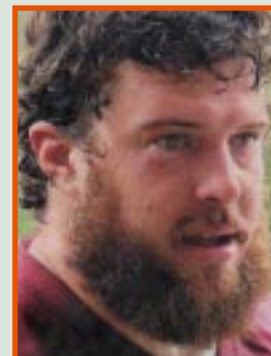


Parades



Terry Bowden

Brandon Nobles



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*Roman,
Roman,
every-
where
Roman*



*Benny
Snipe and
Billy Ray
Barnes*



*Can you find the
present day photo
of Dick Bass?*



More Football Follies!

One more thing. As we approach this season of giving thanks, I wanted to include a few photos that a friend in Southern California sent me. If it is hard for you to find something to feel thankful for this season, just look at these. I am sure you will then be able to see something you appreciate. (Also, since many of you on the Follies list are from other countries, I wanted you to be able to see these dramatic shots, too.)



Ok. I guess that is it for this week. I will try to send the Follies at least one more time before I leave for the Holidays. I hope you enjoy our little weekly "get-togethers." I'll bet if I ever goofed and sent both entire email lists out without blind copying everyone, you would be SHOCKED to see who all is on the list! To me, that is the amazing part each week -- looking over the names!

To all of you on my Friday Follies List, whether you are in Manila, Singapore, Kuwait, Bermuda, Virginia Beach, Mississippi, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minnesota, Indiana, Colorado, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, Maine, Europe, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week. God bless.

Remember, life is short...we need to make it a good one.

Grow in peace and wisdom.

Your Friday Friend,



The Dog Pound at the Cleveland Stadium with Bob and Cheryl

JUDI GODSEY

P.S. NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were fired from The New York Times here in Norfolk for sending lewd and indecent emails. (To my knowledge, none of the 20 were on our joke list - even though some of the attorneys who represent the company were!) I have asked each and every one of you on this list to tell me if the jokes that accompany these "Follies" place you in jeopardy, or even if they offend you. Please understand that they are intended to be light-hearted and are not mean-spirited in any way. If you are ever offended, do not hesitate to ask to be taken off the Friday Follies Joke List. PSS. If you send a joke and I don't use it, it is because it has been used before, and I try not to repeat. Remember, I have been sending these since August of 1997. One tends to go through huge numbers of jokes that way. Disclaimer: When anyone asks if I type all of these jokes, the answer is, "No!" I cut and paste one evening during the week (30 minutes, TOPS). Obviously I don't have time to sit, read, and retype jokes all day!